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RICHMOND WANTS MORE FOOTBALL

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It is going to be a big game, probably the biggest played in Virginia in years. But Richmond is left out of consideration. The game will be played at Charlottesville, it is said, following the arrangement for home-and-home contests between the two institutions. It is easy to understand why the student body would want the game played at home. It is not always convenient to leave college, and then there is always the feeling that the student body is entitled to consideration—a fact not to be overlooked.

However, realizing all this, we feel that more would be accomplished, more people would see the game and become interested in it, if it would get more publicity and would help the university more, would collect more dollars. If played in Richmond, than at any other place. It is not our intention to try and deprive the student body of anything which is rightfully theirs—merely a desire to help both Richmond and the students at the university. Logically the game should be played here. The probability, however, is that it will be played in Charlottesville.

But disregarding the Virginia-Vanderbilt game, Richmond has a right to expect the university to visit here often than the Thanksgiving Day affair. There are other games which would attract large audiences here if the schedule read that they were to be played on a local gridiron.

All Are Offending.

The same is true of Washington and Lee. Instead of doubling with the Virginia Military Institute at home, why not transfer one of the games to Richmond? We noted during the season just closed that the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee on several Saturdays had games at home. The result must have been that both lost money, unless the teams played were identical, which was not the case. Even had it been the case, the cost of maintaining an eleven for an extra day must have been considerable. Had one or the other drifted to Richmond, the crowd would have been larger, and the cost of traveling would have been forgotten in the increased gate receipts. Added to which must be the publicity which the school would have received—a not inconsiderable feature.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute became angered at what the Blacksburg football authorities considered

bad treatment on the part of the owners of the ball park. As to the merits of that dispute we know not. At any rate, regardless of the merits, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute is making a mistake not to appear in Richmond. The Techs had become immensely popular hereabouts and were a drawing card. We submit that a wise manager get busy right now and make a bid for the ball yard for next season.

The best argument for more games is that the greater the number of contests staged the greater the interest. The great public, which in the final estimate makes football possible, or any other sport, for that matter, at colleges, needs education along football lines. The average man doesn't know a football from a locomotive. He has read somewhere that it is a brutal sport, and this opinion holds.

If opportunity enough is presented he will finally go to a game, and once there will be given an opportunity to judge for himself. Under the present rules there is no good reason why the game should not eventually become as popular as baseball. The game is open, yet there is enough room left to display strength to appeal to every individual who has enough red blood in his system to nurture a yell. It is up to the colleges. Either they, and by that expression we mean the student bodies, must be willing to make advances to the public, or else crawl back in the shell, and by making themselves exclusive, continue to be the target for every sharpshooter who hopes to gain applause and popular favor by saying that football is brutal.

On a previous occasion we referred to the suggestion of an enthusiastic alumnus of V. M. I. that athletic relations be renewed between V. M. I. and V. P. I. We know of nothing which would give greater pleasure to the alumnus of both institutions. From intimate knowledge of the schools in question, we are in a position to state that games between these two institutions would be welcomed. There was no ill-feeling when athletic relations ceased. V. P. I. began developing games considerably stronger than the institute, and by mutual consent the contests ceased. Now that V. M. I. is again a contender, the games would prove doubly interesting.

By far the greatest opportunity to do some constructive legislation in the way of improving conditions in the South Atlantic division, exists now. More and more each year, the several colleges in the division have insisted upon only nonprofessionals taking part in the intercollegiate contests. Yet, so far as we can learn, no set of eligibility rules obtain, applying to all

of the colleges. Each college has its own standard, and while practically all have the nonprofessional provision, there are enough outside to cause trouble at times. Aside from eligibility rules, there is reason for a conference in order that the division gets proper recognition from the so-called experts who review football each season.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to see most of the games in this section, know that there are many, many playing on the eleven worthy of recognition on all-American teams. Yet they are never considered. Most of the experts hardly know that the games are played. We suggested that a meeting be held as soon after the holidays as practicable, at some point conveniently located, at which each of the colleges interested has a representative, for the purpose of taking up the rather broad question of eligibility rules and the not less important question of publicity.

There has been some talk of doing away with the Carolina-Virginia game. No game in this section can ever have the importance of this game. The mere fact that the representative eleven of two States always rivals are to play creates interest. Carolina, victor in the games in the past, has won just often enough to keep all guessing. It will always be "the" game so far as Richmond is concerned, and none other can take its place.

Leaving football, we begin to realize that the few short months between now and the opening of the baseball season will pass rather more rapidly than any other period of equal length. There is the meeting of the National League and the gathering of the American League. Both of these meetings will bring results. There will be trades, rumors of trades, and sales. And in between the doing of the magnates of the big top will drift somewhat of the exertions of the bush league leaders. Richmond expects a great team next year, and Steve Griffin promises to live up to the expectations. There will be a new home for the Colts, and a pennant by way of decoration would not be amiss.

One of the many genial visitors who come this way during the baseball season will drift no more. We refer to Arthur Irwin, who has been promoted to the business end of the Highlanders. Irwin regularly bought Dutch Revelle, and just as regularly he came back. Jack Martin is another of the locals to advance via the Irwin route. While we congratulate Mr. Irwin and the Highlanders in the change, we are sorry to miss this genial individual from the ranks of the visitors.

MANY ARE RUMORS ABOUT AMERICAN LEAGUE MEETING

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Some deal may be arranged whereby "Buck" O'Brien will join some other club. The spit-baller did not come up to expectations in Boston, chiefly, so players assert, because Stahl and McAleer tried to handle his "rough-shod" instead of smoothly, properly handled, they say, O'Brien is one of the best in the business.

Manager Callahan, of the White Sox, is ready to trade anything save Ed Walsh and himself to bolster the team. All Call needs to satisfy the fans is two or three pitchers to help Walsh, an outfielder or two, a catcher and a couple of infielders. Otherwise he will stand pat.

Foxy Clark Griffith, manager of the Nationals, may attend and make a trade or two. Griffith wants an outfielder who can hit.

The league may pass resolutions endorsing Secretary Rob McKey, of the world's champions, whose dismissal has been demanded by Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, as the result of the row with the "royal rosters" last October.

GEORGETOWN MAN FINISHES FIRST

Although Cross-Country Club Wins Cup, Gallagher Leads Entire Field.

Baltimore, Md., December 1.—Johnny Gallagher, carrying the Blue and Gray of Georgetown University, won the South Atlantic cross-country run over the old mill-race course in the vicinity of Walbrook yesterday. The distance, between eight and nine miles, was covered by the winner in 54 minutes 33.5 seconds.

There is no doubt that the winner could have covered the distance in faster time had he been pressed by closer competition. Gallagher took the lead after the second mile had been reeled off, and thereafter was never in danger of being overtaken. At the finish he was merely jogging, and appeared to be just as fresh as when he left the tape to begin the journey.

Second place was won by L. R. Hiteshaw, representing the Central Young Men's Christian Association. He finished nearly a minute back of Gallagher. The first Cross-Country Club runner to cross the tape was E. A. Geller, and he was third.

In winning the trophy, the Cross-Country Club scored 29 points and Georgetown 52. The men to cross the line first for the locals were: No. 3, Geller; No. 1, Schofield; No. 4, Kelley; No. 2, Ruth, and No. 5, E. Elphinstone.

Georgetown: No. 1, Gallagher; No. 2, Battles; No. 11, Cook; No. 12, Rowley, and No. 13, Donnelly.

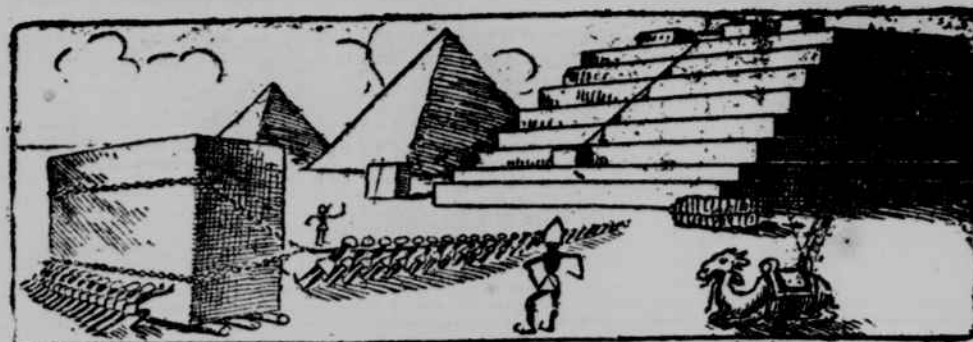
The poor showing of Battles and Rowley was not expected. This pair was expected to finish among the first five, and had this been possible the Blue and Gray's chances for landing the cup would have been brighter.

The first three men to finish were presented medals, Gallagher's being gold, Hiteshaw's silver, and Geller's being bronze. Gallagher's emblem was taken home by Eugene E. Darr, Georgetown's track manager. Bob Eller, another Georgetown runner, who was made history for the university, was present. Eller was seen in action at the Fifth Regiment Armory last winter at Johns Hopkins Fifth Regiment games.

How the runners finished:

1. J. J. Gallagher, Georgetown, 54:33.5.
2. L. R. Hiteshaw, C. Y. M. C. A., 55:45.1-5.
3. E. A. Geller, C. C. C., 56:36.3-5.
4. R. E. Williams, unattached, 57:42.3-5.
5. W. H. Schofield, C. C. C., 57:33.3-5.
6. J. X. Kelley, C. C. C., 57:42.3-5.
7. F. A. Ruth, C. C. C., 57:42.3-5.
8. H. C. Elphinstone, C. C. C., 57:42.3-5.
9. J. D. Battles, Georgetown, 58:56.4-5.
10. Thomas George, C. C. C., 59:43.3-5.
11. L. S. Cook, Georgetown, 61:04.3-5.
12. Bart Rowley, Georgetown, 61:54.3-5.
13. G. I. Johnson, C. C. C., 62:22.
14. M. J. B. McDonagh, C. C. C., 63:28.
15. D. K. Younger, C. C. C., 63:40.
16. Steve Thearle, unattached, 64:57.3-5.
17. R. B. Spittel, unattached, 65:57.3-5.
18. C. P. Phillips, B. R. Y. C., 65:58.
19. E. Donnelly, Georgetown, 65:54.4-5.
20. T. T. Lawlor, Georgetown, 67:29.
21. Joe Sheehan, C. C. C., 69:11.3-5.
22. M. J. Dukhart, C. C. C., 77:43.3-5.

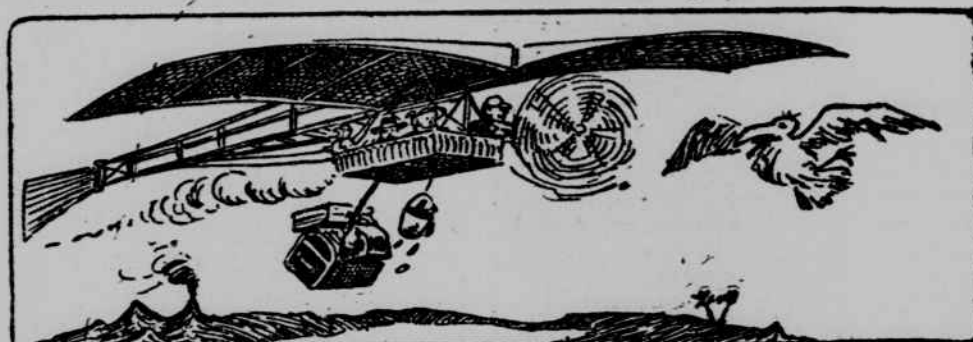
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